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On 18 Sep appr 5 thou persons demonstrated on Capital Ave in Seoul protesting US Senator Allen Ellender's recent criticisms of the US Aid Program in Korea, acd to press rept. The hr-long dmst was reportedly spn by the Federation of Patriotic Org. The Senator reportedly stated upon leaving Korea on 18 Sep that he has revised his previous opinion but still favors reduction of economic aid to Korea.

G2 Comment: Senator Ellender allegedly stated before going to Korea that the Koreans are "Bloodsuckers", That Korea is a "Bottomless Pit" for US Economic Aid, and that the ROK is moving toward Socialism. These remarks have evoked strong protest from ROK Ofl Spokesmen such as the Chmn of the Natl Assy Fgn Affairs Com Pak Yong Chul and Ofc of Pub Info Dir O Chae Kyong. The Seoul press also has protested, proclaiming ROK gratitude for US aid and stating that the ROK has kept faith with the US.

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